--- Benson & Hedges (Canada) Ltd., Montreal, P.Q. - “8-10-D”- 1959 ---

In the early years tobacco was sold mainly for pipe and cigar use, and during the late 1920's Benson & Hedges (Canada) purchased the cigar assets of J. Hirsch and Sons, of Montreal. In 1954 Philip Morris merged with Benson & Hedges (New York). In July 1958 they also merged with Benson & Hedges (Canada) Limited, “8-10D”, in Montreal, and in 1961 they opened a multi-million dollar plant at Brampton, Ontario, “1-80E”.

In 1962 Benson & Hedges (Canada) Ltd., purchased Canadian Tabacofina, Montreal, “30-10D”, acquiring their plant, where for some years “*Belvedere*” cigarettes had been manufactured. Since their major entry into the cigarette field in 1961, the company’s brands include Parliament; Alpine; Benson & Hedges, 100 mm. in plain and in menthol; Henley; Belvedere; Mark Ten; and Belmont.

--- 2/21st Pound —

In 1947 the requirement to print the *excise tax* on the stamp was rescinded, although all the taxes were unchanged.

The earliest listed cigarette and pouch tobacco cancellations from Benson & Hedges (Canada), “8-10D”, are from 1959 and, to date, show multiple typewritten impressions from a stencil in silver blue ink using the letters from “A” to “L” to indicate the month, followed by a single number for the year.

RN-22 - 1/11th pound, perf 11, coded AA9 / 8 10D by “Benson & Hedges”, in January 1959

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